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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Oct. 7, 1949)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3--- This week's line-up in the wholesale market continues with grapes as the Best Buy in fruits, followed by quinces as a Good Buy.

Fairly Good Buys include apples (about as reasonably-priced as they are likely to get for this season of year), small oranges, and watermelons.

Miscellaneous melons -- including canteloups, casaba, honeydew and Persian melons -- are a Fair Buy, along with pomegranates.

There are a few chestnuts, as well as cranberries, available.

Pears are higher; avocados and bananas remain in the high-priced class; figs are of better quality but high.

Best Buys from the vegetable bin include tomatoes, soft squash, cucumbers (lower), cauliflower, and Bell peppers.

There are a number of Good Buys this week including beans, mushrooms, artichokes, parsnips, celery, corn, cabbage, carrots, eggplant, lettuce (slightly lower), spinach, potatoes, Brussels sprouts, and sweetpotatoes.

Classed as Fairly Good Buys are peas, broccoli, okra, and yellow onions.

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A roast of fresh loin of pork might well be one of the week's Best Buys at the meat counter, for prices have dropped another \$4.00 to \$5.00 per hundredweight in the San Francisco wholesale meat market. Supplies of practically all classes of pork are ample except smoked bacon, which has gained another \$2.00 per hundredweight. Smoked hams have dropped \$4.00 per hundredweight, and No. 1 smoked picnics are down \$1.00 per hundredweight. In the beef division, there have been good supplies of Commercial and lesser grades of beef but rather light supplies of Good grade carcasses. Some beef cuts are lower priced, including a \$1.00 per hundredweight drop on Good hindquarters, and a \$2.00 drop on both loins and ribs. There has been little change in market conditions on veal, calf, spring lamb and mutton the past week, with prices on those classes unchanged.

Demand for butter continues slow in the San Francisco wholesale market, with moderate offerings more than ample. Prices have sagged 1/2-cent to 1-cent on top grades since last week, but lower grades have held unchanged. Grades A&AA (1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 67½ to 70 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints, and Grade B (2nd Quality) is quoted at 64½ to 66 cents.

In the egg market lack of demand for an increased production -- especially of medium sizes -- has resulted in a 2-cent drop on Grade "A" Mediums to a quotation of 58 to 60 cents per dozen in cartons to retailers. Other sizes are unchanged, with Grade "A" Large quoted to retailers at 70 to 71 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade "A" Smalls at 44 to 46 cents.

Poultry prices have held unchanged on all classes under a moderately active demand in the wholesale market. Young chickens -- especially large broilers -- and heavy tom turkeys have been in best demand. With the possible exception of large broilers, supplies of all classes are ample.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Oct. 14, 1949)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 11---Grapes continue to hold the limelight as the Best Buy in fruits, followed by apples and quinces as Good Buys.

Small oranges and watermolons can be classed as a Fair Buy along with limes.

Pears and citrus fruits are higher, and the season is about over on melons.

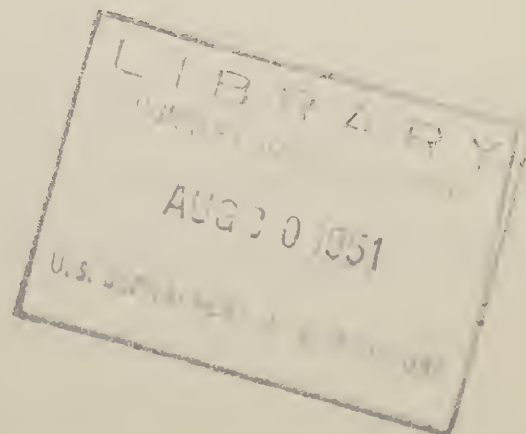
In keeping with the season, cranberries are becoming more plentiful.

Tagged as Best Buys among the vegetables this week are Bell peppers, tomatoes, soft squash, and sweetpotatoes.

Good Buys include cucumbers, cauliflower, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, carrots, Russet potatoes, lettuce, eggplant, and spinach.

Artichokes are slightly higher priced this week and a Fairly Good Buy, along with celery, corn, peas, broccoli, okra, and yellow onions.

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Trading has been slow in the San Francisco wholesale meat market the past week, despite a sizable shipment to Honolulu. In the beef division, demand has been good for Good grade carcasses, but Commercial and lesser grades have been in little demand and have accumulated. Among the beef cuts, Good hindquarters, loins, and forequarters also accumulated and dropped \$2.00 per hundredweight. Although Choice grade veal has been practically unavailable and Good grade has been in light supply, prices have held unchanged on both veal and calf. Supply and demand have been about equally balanced on lamb and mutton, with no change in prices. Under a light demand, fresh pork carcasses have dropped \$2.00 per hundredweight; loins have lost another \$7.00 to \$8.00 per hundredweight; and fresh hams have dropped \$2.00 per hundredweight. Smoked hams have dropped \$5.00 per hundredweight, while smoked bacon has gone up \$2.00 per hundredweight. Lard has hold unchanged.

With supplies ample for demand, prices on butter have hold unchanged from last week in the wholesale market. Grades A&AA (1st Quality) are still quoted to retailers at $67\frac{1}{2}$ to 70 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints; and Grade B(2nd Quality) is unchanged at $64\frac{1}{2}$ to 66 cents per pound.

Egg prices are also unchanged from a week ago, even though supplies of top-grade large eggs have been short of full needs. Small eggs have also been in lighter supply, while medium sizes have become burdensome. Grade "A" Large are quoted to retailers at 70 to 71 cents per dozen in cartons, Grade "A" Mediums at 58 to 60 cents, and Grade "A" Smalls at 44 to 46 cents.

In the poultry market, light supplies of broilers, fryers and roasters have resulted in a price hike of 2 cents per pound on dressed broilers, and a 1-cent advance on fryers and roasters. All weights of Loghorn and colored hens are unchanged in price, but old roosters have been in ample supply and have dropped 1-cent per pound. Ducks, turkeys, squabs, and rabbits are all unchanged.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Oct. 21, 1949)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18--- Grapes are still the Best Buy in fruits in the wholesale market, while apples rate as a Good Buy, and small oranges as a Fair Buy.

Best Buys in vegetables include cauliflower, soft squash, tomatoes, and sweetpotatoes.

Good quality Brussels sprouts lead off the list of Good Buys, followed by lower-priced carrots, cabbage, Kern county corn, cucumbers, lettuce, Bell peppers, potatoes, spinach, pumpkins, Hubbard squash, banana squash, and Coachella Valley eggplant.

Snap beans are a Fair Buy, along with broccoli, celery, and onions.

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With supplies more than ample for demand in the San Francisco wholesale meat market, prices have been mostly on a downward trend this past week. Fresh veal and calf were the exception and advanced around \$2.00 per hundredweight on a supply that consisted mostly of Commercial and Good grades. Choice grade veal was in very light supply. In the beef division, supplies of Utility and Commercial grades were plentiful. As a result, supplies accumulated and prices dropped \$1.00 per hundredweight. Lamb also dropped \$1.00 per hundredweight under a slow demand. Fresh pork carcasses and loins dropped another \$2.00 to \$3.00 per hundredweight; fresh hams and picnics declined \$3.00; smoked hams, \$1.00; and sliced layer bacon, \$2.00 per hundredweight.

In the wholesale butter market, trading the past week has ranged from moderate to slow. Top grades have been in relatively light supply but have held unchanged in price at a quotation to retailers of $67\frac{1}{2}$ to 70 cents per pound for Grades A&AA (1st Quality) in cartons of 1/4-pound prints. Grade B(2nd Quality) butter has advanced 2 to 3 cents to a quotation of $66\frac{1}{2}$ to 69 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints.

In the egg market, large and small sizes have held unchanged in price under good demand, but medium sizes have dropped in price as the result of heavier supplies of that size. Grade "A" Mediums are quoted 4 cents per dozen lower to retailers at 54 to 56 cents. Grade "A" Large are unchanged at 70 to 71 cents per dozen, as are Grade "A" Smalls at 44 to 46 cents per dozen.

Although receipts of poultry have been fairly heavy in the wholesale market, supplies of colored fryers have not been equal to the increased demand. As a result, prices have advanced 1-cent per pound on dressed colored fryers, and 1 to 2 cents per pound on dressed colored roasters. Dressed rabbits are also selling 2 cents per pound higher. All other classes are unchanged in price from a week ago.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25--- Among the fruits, apples are a Good Buy, followed by grapes (higher priced) and pomegranates as Fairly Good Buys. Small oranges (higher), winter pears (higher), persimmons are Fair Buys. Texas grapefruit -- both red and white meat -- is beginning to come to market. Prices are still high, of course. And lemons remain high priced.

Cold weather is having its effect upon the vegetable family, so that this week Best Buys are limited to sweetpotatoes, table queen squash (also called Danish or acorn), and banana squash.

Good Buys include cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts (higher), cabbage, cucumbers, lettuce, parsnips, Bell peppers, pumpkins, Hubbard squash, and spinach.

Soft squash is a Fairly Good Buy, along with carrots (higher), celery, corn, and eggplant.

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Trading in the San Francisco wholesale meat market last week ranged from fair to good. In the beef division, top-Commercial grade was plentiful, and low-Commercial and Utility grades were burdensome. As a result of daily carry-overs in supplies, prices dropped \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight. Fresh veal and calf and lamb held unchanged in price, although there was a very meager supply of Good grade veal. Contrary to the trend of the past few weeks, pork loins gained \$2.00 per hundredweight under a broad demand. Fresh hams dropped \$1.00 per hundredweight, while smoked hams went up \$2.00 per hundredweight. Fresh and smoked picnics dropped \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight. Bacon also dropped \$2.00 per hundredweight, while refined lard advanced \$1.00.

Despite contra-seasonal increases in western butter production—30 percent larger than last year at this time -- supplies in the San Francisco wholesale market are comparatively light. Prices are little changed from a week ago, but Grades A&AA (1st Quality) are quoted to retailers 1-cent per pound higher at $67\frac{1}{2}$ to 71 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade B(2nd Quality) is unchanged at $66\frac{1}{2}$ to 69 cents.

Egg prices have fluctuated some since last week. Grade "A" Smalls have advanced 1-cent per dozen as the result of a production decline on that size. Mediums have been in heavy supply but have held unchanged in price, while fully ample supplies of Grade "A" Large have dropped 2 cents per dozen. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large, 68 to 69 cents per dozen; Grade "A" Mediums, 54 to 56 cents; and Grade "A" Smalls, 45 to 47 cents.

With the possible exception of squabs, which are selling 5 cents per pound higher, supplies of all classes of poultry have been ample in the San Francisco wholesale market. Broilers and fryers have been in liberal supply. Broilers are unchanged in price, but colored fryers are down 1-cent per pound on dressed weights. Ducks are up 1-cent per pound, while turkeys are down 1 to 2 cents per pound under a fairly active demand.

